- And now from all sides there burst into view
- Whole crowds of young students, and old ones not few,
- Who all hurry for lockers to put away books,
- That they may return soon for an exchange of looks,

In the Lewis Institute lobby.

The lobby's now crowded and the clatter that's made

- Bids fair to put Babel way back in the shade,
- But now and again you'll distinguish a sound

Which proceeds from some group that's standing around

In the Lewis Institute lobby.

Just to the left, all stylishly dressed,

Six or eight girls try to show off their best

By hugging and kissing a young girl just come

To see the proceedings and join in the fun In the Lewis Institute lobby.

- Just in front a bright fellow is telling a tale,
- And the laughter he rouses is proof 'tis not stale;

To the left a student is dunning a fellow

Who signed for this book and at payment turned yellow

In the Lewis Institute lobby.

All this proceeds seven minutes or more,

Nor during this time does the din ever lower,

When all of a sudden the gongs do vibrate,

And the students stop short, in a second vacate

The Lewis Institute lobby.

- But though most of the students now hurry to class,
- There's sometimes a fellow, and most always a lass
- Who will tarry a while and hang back from their work,
- And for a moment or two show inclination to shirk

In the Lewis Institute lobby.

- But now appears on the scene a bold little man,
- Who approaches the stragglers with open demand.
- He asks that they 'mediately vacate the hall,
- For between hours at Lewis wants no one at all

In the Lewis Institute lobby.

- And now you decide you'd best follow this rule,
- And depart on the spot from this model school.
- So you go down the stairs, just the way that you came,
- And you may be sure the next hour brings the same

In the Lewis Institute lobby.

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